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Shortage of Bacteriologists
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of bacteriologists working in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the number of bacteriologists is sufficient in view of the country's population; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): As informed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), it is believed that all bacteriologists come under the bigger umbrella of Microbiology. However, as per Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, there are 2409 life members, who can be considered as medical microbiologists.
However, the number of bacteriologists working in the country, State/UT-wise is not available.

(b) to (c): B. J. Medical College, Pune, has informed that most teaching hospitals employ microbiologists on the basis of recommendations of Medical Council of India which decides the staffing pattern based on the number of students admitted to the medical college. As regards, number of Bacteriologists in the country, no such data is centrally maintained.